



## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for a catalog feature in a supply chain management framework,  
2 comprising:
  - 3 a) collecting data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain utilizing a network;
  - 4 b) displaying a network-based interface for allowing access to the data; and
  - 5 c) generating an electronic order form based on the data utilizing the network-based  
6 interface for ordering goods from a distributor or a supplier of the supply chain,  
7 wherein the network-based interface includes a virtual catalog to facilitate the  
8 generation of the electronic order form.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the catalog displays a plurality of raw products  
2 from which the goods are produced.
- 1 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the catalog displays a plurality of distributors  
2 from which the raw products can be ordered.
- 1 4. The method of claim 3, wherein the catalog displays a comparison of performance  
2 of the distributors.
- 1 5. The method of claim 4, wherein the performance is calculated based on the data.
- 1 6. The method of claim 3, wherein the catalog includes links to additional network-  
2 based interfaces relating to suppliers.
- 1 7. A system for a catalog feature in a supply chain management framework,  
2 comprising:

- 3 a) logic for collecting data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain utilizing a  
4 network;  
5 b) logic for displaying a network-based interface for allowing access to the data; and  
6 c) logic for generating an electronic order form based on the data utilizing the  
7 network-based interface for ordering goods from a distributor or a supplier of the  
8 supply chain, wherein the network-based interface includes a virtual catalog to  
9 facilitate the generation of the electronic order form.

1 8. The system of claim 7, wherein the catalog displays a plurality of raw products  
2 from which the goods are produced.

1 9. The system of claim 8, wherein the catalog displays a plurality of distributors  
2 from which the raw products can be ordered.

1 10. The system of claim 9, wherein the catalog displays a comparison of performance  
2 of the distributors.

1 11. The system of claim 10, wherein the performance is calculated based on the data.

1 12. The system of claim 9, wherein the catalog includes links to additional network-  
2 based interfaces relating to suppliers.

1 13. A computer program product for a catalog feature in a supply chain management  
2 framework, comprising:

- 3 a) computer code for collecting data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain  
4 utilizing a network;  
5 b) computer code for displaying a network-based interface for allowing access to the  
6 data; and  
7 c) computer code for generating an electronic order form based on the data utilizing  
8 the network-based interface for ordering goods from a distributor or a supplier of



9 the supply chain, wherein the network-based interface includes a virtual catalog to  
10 facilitate the generation of the electronic order form.

1 14. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the catalog displays a  
2 plurality of raw products from which the goods are produced.

1 15. The computer program product of claim 14, wherein the catalog displays a  
2 plurality of distributors from which the raw products can be ordered.

1 16. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the catalog displays a  
2 comparison of performance of the distributors.

1 17. The computer program product of claim 16, wherein the performance is  
2 calculated based on the data.

1 18. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the catalog includes links to  
2 additional network-based interfaces relating to suppliers.